

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING IP ADDRESSES AND NAME
MAPPINGS FOR WIRELESS CLIENTS**

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for managing network addresses. A received network address from a current server is compared for use in identifying the data processing system with a prior network address from a previous server. A release data packet is created if the received network address is a new network address and the previous server is a different server than the current server in which the release data packet includes the prior network address. The release data packet is sent to the previous server in which the release data packet causes the previous server to release the prior network address for reuse.